

## **PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING**

I refer to the agenda for the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee to be held on Wednesday 14 August 2019 at 2pm within the Municipal Buildings, Greenock and attach report as undernoted which was not available on the day of issue.

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### **UNDERNOTE:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **Grant Conditions for Bowling Clubs**  
Report by the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development

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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Grants Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Date: 14 August 2019</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director - Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development</b>	<b>Report No: GR0419/TM</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Grant Conditions for Bowling Clubs</b>	

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### 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the withdrawal for this year's funding of the pay-per-play condition for this year's grants to voluntary organisation (GTVO) which was agreed by the Grants Sub-Committee at its meeting on 19 June 2019.

### 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The decision of the Sub-Committee at its meeting on 19 June 2019 was to make it a condition this year that:

*Grants awarded to all Bowling Clubs be conditional on the Clubs providing a pay-per-play facility for non-members to the satisfaction of the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development.*

- 2.2 As it is not possible to implement this condition for 2019/20's applications and funding, this report requests suspension of standing orders so that the condition can be withdrawn pending its consideration, as part of a review of GTVO, in subsequent years from 2020.

- 2.3 The reasons for withdrawing the condition are detailed below:

- All bowling clubs submitted applications using the guidance notes outlined by Inverclyde Council. The guidance notes articulate that requests will be considered by private clubs if they support initiatives designed to widen access and increase participation by disadvantaged and under-represented groups. Clubs who submitted applications will have done so using the guidance notes provided by the Council, which had no requirement for clubs to provide pay to play;
- The bowling clubs would expect reasonable notice of any changes to the Council guidance and to make decisions for applications for funding on that basis. Clubs who applied for funding for 19/20 will have a constitution or set of rules and it may prove difficult for clubs to change any arrangements they have in place for access at this late stage in the process and clubs may be unable to do so. This may mean that clubs could lose out on grant money for 19/20 because the Council has changed the conditions for receiving a grant;
- Amendments to grant conditions such a 'providing a pay-per-play facility for non-

members' requires further investigation to ensure the Council fully understands the impact of any changes. Similarly, as this is technically a change in policy, a new equality impact assessment would be required to be carried out; and

- If the Grants Sub-Committee requests that the guidance for GTVO is reviewed then this will be taken forward by officers through a report to the Education and Communities Committee.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 It is recommended that the Grants Sub-Committee:

- suspends standing orders and that the decision to award grants to bowling clubs for 2019/20 is not conditional on providing a pay-per-play facility for non-members; and
- agrees that guidance and procedures for grants to voluntary organisations are fully reviewed for 2020 and a report submitted to a future meeting to the Education and Communities Committee.

**Tony McEwan**  
**Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources**

## 4.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 4.1 Financial Implications - One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

### Financial Implications - Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (if applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

### 4.2 Human Resources

There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

### 4.3 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

### 4.4 Equalities

There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

### 4.5 Repopulation

There are no direct repopulation implications arising from this report.

## 5.0 CONSULTATIONS

5.1 Relevant officers have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## 6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None